

APPENDIX A
"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(I)

CLAIMS:

sub E1 > 1. (Amended) A process for the production of a cereal wort or beer having a high content of soluble β -glucan of more than 0.2 wt% from a cereal or mixture of cereals in which of any ingredient employed in the process will not decrease soluble β -glucan by more than 20 wt% compared to the yield from the corresponding source of non-germinated cereal or mixture of cereals, the process comprising the steps of:

D1
treating at least one cereal to reduce β -glucanase activity in the treated cereal;
forming an aqueous cereal slurry containing from 10% to 30% by weight of the treated cereal, the cereal being wet or dry milled; and
mashing the slurry at a temperature above 50°C in the presence of at least one starch degrading enzyme and at least one protein degrading enzyme.

5. (Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the cereal is a malted cereal selected from oats, barley and a mixture thereof.

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sub E2 > 6. (Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the step of treating the at least one cereal comprises heat treating the cereal sufficiently to lack β -glucanase activity.

sub E2 > 22 (Amended) A process for the production of a cereal wort or beer having a high content of soluble β -glucan of more than 0.2 wt% from a cereal or mixture of cereals, the process comprising the steps of:

D3
treating the cereal or mixture of cereals to reduce β -glucanase activity in the treated cereal;
utilizing enzymes during the process having β -glucanase activity sufficient only to eliminate from the treated cereal or mixture of cereals not more than 50% of soluble β -glucan which is contained before the process is effected in the cereal or mixture of cereals.